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Experts probe riddle of a screaming skull

Pint-size hubby begs judge:

Help! My fat wife's killing me!

By MICHAEL ROY

A pint-size hubby wants to divorce his 360-pound wife — because he claims his life is in danger every time she rolls over in bed.

And outraged mother of three Sophia Bianchi, 38, says she won't sleep apart from her husband in a separate bed. "That would be unthinkable and unChristian," she declared.

Now a judge must decide if 40-year-old Carlo Bianchi's broken arm, fractured ribs and damaged collarbone are sufficient grounds for divorce.

According to Mr. Bianchi of Turin, Italy, the couple married after a long courtship in 1970 "and were eager to share the rest of their lives together."

But after the birth of the couple's third child in 1983, Mrs. Bianchi — described by her lawyer as a happy, jolly and devoted wife and mother — put on weight at what Mr. Bianchi described as "an alarming rate."

"She ate and ate after the birth of our youngest daughter," said Mr. Bianchi, "and very quickly reached her present weight of 360 pounds."

"It was then that all my troubles began."

Carlo Bianchi's attorney told that the husband is a small man, barely 5 feet 2 inches tall "and barely 100 pounds after a heavy meal."

The 360-pound tub-of-lard breaks his bones every time she rolls over in bed

The attorney said Mrs. Bianchi first rolled over on her husband a few days before Christmas 1984 and broke his arm just above the elbow.

"At that point my client pleaded with his wife to lose weight or move to separate sleeping quarters," the lawyer said.

"She refused both requests, causing quite a scene that required the attendance of the police."

According to Mr. Bianchi several of his ribs were broken on the night of Sept. 17, 1985 (this and other incidents were meticulously recorded in his diary) and his collarbone was damaged in late 1987 "during a night when Sophia was particularly restless."

Mr. Bianchi's lawyer says that his client now feels his life is in danger. "A 360-pound woman could crush the life out of a man as small as my client," he explained. "In all conscience, I can't stand by and watch that happen."

Mrs. Bianchi, speaking to reporters through an interpreter at her Turin home, claims that her weight has nothing to do with her hubby's desire for a divorce.

"He's found another woman, younger and slimmer than me, and that's why he wants to dump me," she sobbed.

"I may be fat, but I'm no fool."

Mr. Bianchi says he has not met anyone else. "That's ridiculous," he said. "There's only one reason for this whole sorry affair — pasta!"

TV plea reunites mom and daughter — after 27 years

After a tearful plea on TV, loving mom Carol Weber finally was reunited with Elaine Kuss — the daughter she gave up for adoption 27 years ago!

But only was Carol reunited with the daughter she hadn't been sure she'd ever get to meet, she got a heart-tugging bonus to boot — she got to cuddle her own granddaughters, baby Kara and toddler Sharon.

"It was the happiest day of my life, knowing that my daughter was safe and happy," Carol said at the first tearful meeting with Elaine.

The reunion came after Carol read the letter Elaine wrote about her search for her mother in the pages of The National Enquirer.

Elaine told how she learned about little Lisa Stromberg, the girl allegedly abused and murdered by her "adoptive" New York City attorney father. She began to wonder what happened to the baby she gave up at birth and set out to find her.

Appearing on a New York City morning TV show, Carol made a tearful, heart-tugging plea for her daughter to come forward.

A few days later, Carol and Elaine were together again.

Smokers who inhale deeply cut chances of lung cancer

Smokers who inhale deeply appear to reduce their risk of getting lung cancer, a top researcher reports.

Sir Richard Doll — one of the first scientists to recognize the link between smoking and cancer in the 1950s — said deep inhalers distribute cancer-causing agents around the lungs.

Ironically, that prevents build-up of carcinogens in a small area, which seems to reduce a smoker's chances of getting cancer.

Contrary to what people intuitively believe, the more you inhale the more you are taking tar away from "the cancer-sensitive bronchial tubes," said the British expert.

And because deep-breathing seems so beneficial, the switch to low-tar cigarettes would appear to be advisable because most smokers inhale low-tar smokes more deeply.

That's not to say that low-tar cigarettes will greatly reduce a smoker's risk.

Doll says there is absolutely no evidence to suggest that the lighter cigarettes reduce the risk of heart attacks — a

Latham, N.Y.'s, crack volunteer fire fighters proudly pose in front of a burning house. The blaze was deliberately set as part of the day's drill.

Good grief! Man wakes up at his own funeral

Teary-eyed townsfolk mourning the death of ailing oldster Manak Manickam screamed in terror when Manak opened his eyes in the middle of his own funeral — and then sat straight up in his casket!

Astonished mourners run for their lives!

"What's wrong? Why is everybody crying?" the flabbergasted granddad asked his shell-shocked mourners.

All at once, grief turned to jubilation as friends and family realized they'd given Manak up for dead way too soon.

"It was a very strange situation," Manak's delighted wife Daljit told reporters in little Nagar, India.

"It is wonderful to have my husband back with us, but when I think how close we came to burying him alive, my whole body shakes with fear."

The hair-raising tale began after the frail father of eight had lain ill with pneumonia for more than a week in his home in Nagar.

When his chronic coughing stopped and those at his bedside could no longer feel a pulse, the family assumed the 65-year-old farmer was gone.

"There was no doctor available for a doctor to help poor Manak anyway," Daljit recalled. "So we prepared to bury him."

Four hours later, the grandpa was laid out in his homemade coffin and grief-stricken friends gathered to pay their last respects.

"The funeral was almost over when suddenly my husband began to stir in the casket," his still-bewildered wife told reporters. "Everyone got very nervous. They were looking at each other, wondering what was going on.

"Then he sat right up, and people started gasping and shrieking.

"Some of them turned and ran out, but the rest of us realized he wasn't really dead and we all rushed up to hug him. That was one of the happiest moments of my life."

An amused Manak is now fit as a fiddle and back tilling his fields.

"It is a very chilling experience to wake up at your own funeral," said the new robust oldster. "When I came to, I was mystified to see all the people I love standing over the crying."

— JOE BURGER

Pigs win right to sue

The Swedish government may soon pass a law expanding the civil rights of pigs, cows and chickens — and enabling the critters to sue any owner who doesn't treat them with proper respect.

The bill would force farmers to turn their cows out to pasture instead of beating them in stalls all year. It would require special cages and sleeping areas for pigs, and increase their minimum living space.

The law also would make it illegal for farmers to keep chickens in cages.

Sweden's governing Social Democratic Party is drawing up the bill as a favor to popular author Astrid Lindgren, an animal rights booster who celebrated her 80th birthday recently.

Prime Minister Ingvar Carlsson promised her a stronger animal protection law at a

Vanishing house

By HENRY WEBER

Researchers are baffled by the behavior of a 400-year-old house that looks solid as a rock one minute — and vanishes the next!

"It's like a light going on and off," Dr. Franz Sieler told reporters in Alzey, West Germany. "We've monitored the site for two weeks now and there's no indication that the house — which has no more substance than a mist — will ever become stable.

"Sometimes it appears for an hour at a stretch. But it always begins to flicker and then disappears before coming back again.

"At this point we don't know if the cottage belongs in an unknown dimension or is simply a type of mirage.

"We may never know what's behind it. As far as I know, this phenomenon is the first of its kind."

The cottage was discovered in a heavy woods south of Alzey by hunters Jens Engelen and Horst Schiller, who approached it looking for water — and watched in stunned disbelief as it disappeared.

The men reported what they had seen to the authorities. Dr. Sieler was called in to investigate when they confirmed the hunters' story.

The old house had stood on the site for 400 years until it was destroyed by a stray bomb during World War 2, according to long-time residents familiar with the area.

"It was built around 1600 and had remained in the same family until the day it was destroyed by a bomb," said Dr. Sieler. "Why it continues to have any presence at all is beyond all understanding."

A check of radiation levels in the area showed them to be higher than expected but still within a normal range, said Dr. Sieler. "We will continue to monitor the situation in the weeks to come," he added.

"Our hope is that the house will remain visible, even at intervals.

"Should it vanish forever, we might never know what's been going on."

It is there one minute . . . and gone the next!

Here comes the well-trained bride

This spectacular silk and satin wedding gown comes equipped with a 30-foot train — and the lucky lady who wears it will need 10 attendants to help her haul it to the altar. The $4,500 gown, worn here by model Michelle Harding, was the highlight of a bridal

Cops say math teacher tried to hire 2 hit kids

A high school math teacher was arrested on charges that she tried to hire two of her students to murder her boyfriend's ex-wife!

Authorities in Greenville, S.C., said 40-year-old Margaret McAllister Long was charged with solicitation for murder after offering a pair of students $5,000 to kill Carolyn Vernon.

"The students reported it to the principal and the principal reported it to the Sheriff's Office," said Capt. Earl Barnett.

According to Barnett, Carolyn Vernon had been divorced from John Vernon III for about a month when the murder plot was hatched.

"Miss Long had a strong dislike for the woman that may have had something to do with the alimony her boyfriend was paying," Barnett said.

The two high school students were not charged in the case and Miss Long was released from jail on $20,000 bond, said Barnett.

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Genius is crazy as a bedbug — and deadly!

GRINNING face of madman Dr. Anthony Bowl is captured through the rain-spotted windshield of the car that drove him to an insane asylum after court hearing.

Laughing lunatic hurls woman under a train!

By JOE BERGER

Evil genius Anthony Bowl pushed blonde mom Margaret Puett onto the tracks at a bustling railroad station — and smiled smugly as the helpless lady died under the wheels of a speeding train!

And the despicable doctor of maniacal malice was still flashing his fiendish grin as he went before a jury of 12 supposedly British mental humpties.

"This was such a senseless, brutal crime," prosecutor Anthony Glass told a judge in London. "The victim was a complete stranger to Mr. Bowl. There was no motive whatsoever."

Witnesses said wild-eyed Anthony, 51, chose Margaret from a crowd of commuters at the Wimbledon station in South London.

When an express train rumbled into view sounding its warning signal, the mad mate leaped forward, rushed the unsuspecting mother of two and shoved her onto the tracks.

As horrified onlookers said their breath, the pitiful victim scrambled onto her hands and knees and tried desperately to dive to safety — but it was too late.

The high-hatting express crushed the screaming woman to death. Two men grabbed the crazed killer and held him until police arrived.

"He had a smug smile on his face as if he was pleased with a job well done," the prosecutor said.

Bonkers behave barry Anthony — recently married for the fifth time — attacked Margaret simply because she was a blonde.

"He had a thing about blonde women," said Detective Arthur Benham.

"Most of his ex-wives were blonde."

The sicko scholar also pleaded guilty to knifing his

previous conviction for attacking a blonde secretary with a pair of scissors.

Wacky Anthony will be questioned about an incident three years ago when another blonde woman was shoved from a platform at the same station, said detective Benham.

The victim in that case escaped with her life, but the description of her attacker matches Anthony, investigators say.

"That may have been just a trial run," said Prosecutor Glass.

Surefire way to stop AIDS?

A leading authority on AIDS has come up with a novel way to halt the spread of the deadly, life-sapping disease — park all of its victims off to an island prison like Alcatraz!

British AIDS consultant on the disease throughout the world and victims who deliberately spread the disease are committing murder and should be isolated from society.

"We are facing a catastrophe," Scales declared. "I see

place like Lundy Island in the Bristol Channel into a colony where AIDS victims can live in a good idea. The only way to combat those who deliberately spread the disease.

"After all, when they are living in squalor in poor

Preacher battles raging bear to rescue his little daughter

By DICK DONOVAN

A heroic minister fought an enraged bear for 30 minutes with his bare hands in a desperate bid to free his young daughter from the beast's savage jaws!

But Rev. Pat O'Rourke's superhuman battle was in vain. By the time others were able to hold the bear at bay, his 10-year-old daughter Grace was dead.

O'Rourke himself barely escaped with his life.

Horribly clawed and clawed in his futile struggle, he was listed in serious but stable condition in an Edmonton, Alberta, hospital. He is expected to recover.

The nightmare attack was the tragic climax to what had started out as a happy family outing in the Canadian countryside 90 miles west of their home in High Prairie. Grace and two other youngsters were taking a nature walk when they came across a bear den they believed was empty.

But the den wasn't empty. Inside was a hibernating 350-pound black bear! Because of unusually warm weather, the animal wasn't sleeping deeply yet. Without warning, the enraged bear lunged at Grace, seized her in its steel-trap jaws and dragged her into the den.

The other children ran screaming for help. By the time Grace's father reached the den, only her arms were visible. O'Rourke leaped into the den and began beating on the bear with his bare hands and kicking it in the head.

After several minutes, the desperate father grabbed the bear's vise-like jaws and managed to open them enough that friend Doug Isaac was able to pull Grace out of the den.

But then the bear turned on O'Rourke and pinned him before he could react to safety. Isaac grabbed a chunk of wood and began clubbing the bear over the head.

Then Isaac rammed the wood into the bear's mouth and pried its jaws apart long enough for O'Rourke to get free.

Bystanders used a log to keep the bear in its den until a man arrived with a rifle and shot it dead.

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Hero, 8, saves his mom & unborn baby!

Frank Castelli Jr. is only 8 years old — but he's a big man in his hometown.

The courageous kid from Ida, Mich., saved his mom and his unborn baby brother because he kept his cool when his pregnant mother Kathleen lapsed into a diabetic coma.

By SUSAN JAMISON

The third-grader calmly spoon-fed his unconscious mom small amounts of sugar-laden orange juice. After almost an hour she came around enough to help him call a relative.

Without Frankie's help, doctors are certain Kathleen and her baby — who was born prematurely after the incident — would have died.

"The doctors said I had zero blood sugar," Kathleen told *The NEWS*.

"They said he saved both of our lives. I'm very grateful to Frankie."

The lifesaving drama unfolded at 1:30 a.m. on November 3. Frankie's dad, Frank, was working the night shift and the boy and his pregnant mother were home alone. Frankie woke up to the sound of his mother's moans. He found her lying crying on the living room couch.

Kathleen was unable to talk — a symptom of low blood sugar — and Frankie immediately guessed what the problem was. Remembering how his mother had tested her blood sugar levels, he pricked her mother's finger and checked a drop of her blood with a special kit.

Her sugar level was 18 instead of a proper reading of 70 to 120, so Frankie ran to the kitchen and mixed his mother a life-saving cocktail of orange juice and sugar.

Because Kathleen was too weak to drink, he spooned the liquid into her mouth as she lay unconscious.

"The first thing I remember is waking up to something wet on my face," Kathleen said. "Frankie was pouring orange juice in my mouth. I gave him my sister's phone number, he called her and she sent help.

"The coma brought on my baby's birth. Little Dominic came two months early, but he's doing fine. He weighed 3 pounds, 8 ounces. But if it hadn't have been for Frankie, neither the baby or I would have lived."

Since that heroic act, Frankie has basked in local publicity.

He was given a special life-saving award at school and his family has been treating him like a king.

But best of all, the youngster has a healthy mom and brother who wouldn't be here at all if it weren't for him.

QUICK-THINKING! Frank Castelli Jr. and his mom. The boy saved her life when she slipped into a diabetic coma.

Horse crash kills woman

A mother was killed and her two children seriously injured when her car slammed into a racehorse that had wandered onto a highway in Bossier County, La.

The mare, 38-year-old Wanda Johns, had vaulted of her car after hitting the horse and careened into some trees.

The horse was one of four that had strayed onto the highway. Sheriff's Lt. Jim Frazier struck another of the thoroughbreds with his squad car, but he wasn't seriously hurt.

The two horses were killed in the accidents, and a third had to be destroyed because of injuries.

Smart gals don't cry

Gals! If you want to make it in your career, don't cry.

A recent study shows that male co-workers resent a crying woman and figure she breaks down because she can't handle her job.

"Real men don't cry in the workplace, and in general, they are still contemptuous and terrified of women who do," reported Working Mother magazine, citing a study by a New York research organization. "Men peer at the more brought of a woman co-worker in tears. As a result, men often fail to point out constructive criticism that would boost a female colleague's career. They are afraid if they do, she might cry."

Psychologists advise women to focus on the person causing them to be upset and convince themselves it is that person who has lost control.

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New law will ban Frankenstein tests

By BILL HIGEL

The British government is enacting a series of tough new laws that will forbid scientists from creating human Frankensteins.

The dramatic action comes on the heels of growing concern that researchers have the tools and know-how to spawn horror-film creatures in their laboratories.

The legislation will specifically outlaw:

- Joining human and animal cells to create monstrous freaks.
- Planting human embryos in animals that would act as "mothers."
- Fertilizing human eggs with sperm from animals.

The government stressed that no such experiments are known to have been attempted in Britain.

But it's no secret that less scrupulous countries — such as the Soviet Union, China, Bulgaria and Czechoslovakia — have been conducting them for years.

In fact, these countries are the target of a group of concerned scientists who are now calling for a worldwide ban on unbridled genetic and embryonic research.

The leader of the group, Swiss geneticist Gerard Mikart, said: "Britain is to be admired in seeking to legislate these experiments.

"But we need to speak with a global voice if we are going to ban them on a global basis. The Soviet Union and China are particularly concerned with the creation of half human, half animal creatures and the development of a superrace.

"World opinion must be brought to bear on them — before it's too late."

Britain's new laws address the "master race" problem and specifically forbid the cloning of super-intelligent children for any purpose.

They also bar scientists from tampering with genes to predetermine the physical characteristics of test-tube kids.

"We urge concerned people everywhere to lobby for similar laws," said Dr. Mikart. "The very integrity of the human race may be at stake."

The government in Britain is concerned that Scottish scientists will create monsters similar to Frankenstein's monster of movie fame played by Boris Karloff. New laws ban such acts.

Govt. forbids scientists from making monsters

It's time to scout out new year bargains right now

You can save big bucks right now by shopping for items that are cheaper in January than almost any other time of the year — and that includes everything from small appliances to linens to washing machines.

Here is a list of items you can probably grab up for 30 percent off — or even more — this month.

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- Hats (men's).
- Home furnishings.
- Housewares.
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- Lingerie.
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Rapist makes teacher-victim write him an excuse for cops

Bizarre rapist Albert Sullivan thought he could get away with his crime by forcing his terrified victim to scribble a note saying:

"You did not rape me in any form or fashion. I loved every minute of it. Call me soon."

Incredibly, the 42-year-old Sullivan claimed the consent of his victim — a 40-year-old school teacher — as his defense in court.

It didn't work. The repeat rapist was found guilty of pouncing the terrified woman in the hallway of a Chicago O'Hare Airport hotel, dragging her into an empty room and raping her.

Sullivan had been convicted of rape three times before and of attempted rape twice. He served almost eight years in prison before being released and then raping his latest victim, said Margaret Glass, Assistant State's Attorney in Cook County, Ill.

"Hopefully, this time he should get a maximum of 60 years," she said.

"It is absolutely astonishing what he's done so far. He certainly wasn't rehabilitated."

Sullivan's attorney produced the strange note at trial hoping to prove his client had not forced the woman.

But prosecutors pointed out the victim signed the note with a false name and phone number.

They also produced a witness, a guest in the hotel, who said he heard a woman scream "help" and later "please don't hurt me." The witness said he opened the door to his room and saw someone dragging someone down a hall. But he didn't report it thinking it was a domestic dispute.

Finally, prosecutors pointed out that the poor woman had bruises on her neck and arms where she was beaten and manhandled by Sullivan.

The woman said Sullivan threatened to kill her and forced her to repeat a goofy story about how she offered him $5 for sex and then later made her write the note.

Unclaimed ashes bury funeral homes

Florida funeral home directors have so many cremated remains lying around that a new law has been passed allowing them to get rid of the unclaimed ashes.

"We have a closet full," said Orlando funeral director Bill King.

Industry officials estimate that 14,000 cremated corpses now adorn funeral homes in dispose of ashes not picked up by relatives after 120 days.

"It's a nasty problem," said Cramer Stiff, the general manager of another Orlando funeral home.

"It's one of those things no one wants to talk about, but there are thousands of un-

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Mom left twins for seven hours to visit her boyfriend

Sun-baked car becomes death trap for babies

Two three-month-old tots were baked alive when their mom left them in her oven-like car for seven hours — while she slept in her boyfriend's apartment.

Drowsy divorcee Beverly Ernst was sentenced to prison for four years in Santa Ana, Calif., for negligence in the deaths of her twins, Adam and Ashley.

The helpless babies were strapped in car seats inside the locked car with the windows rolled up in July, 1988. A sizzling mid-morning sun raised the temperature to 130 degrees inside the car.

"The official cause of death was asphyxiation, but they were literally baked like in an oven," said an official who testified at Mrs. Ernst's trial.

Mrs. Ernst testified she left the twins in the car while she had coffee with her boyfriend in a restaurant at 3 a.m.

The children were left in [illegible] apartment] behind to the [illegible] a few minutes the car again two hours later. But when [illegible] repair shop Mrs. Ernst when the mother drove to her [illegible] she had only planned [illegible] but fell asleep and didn't wake up until 11 a.m.

When she ran outside to [illegible] their babies, it was too late. They were dead.

They were baked like cupcakes, cop testifies

"It's not fair," sobbed Mrs. Ernst, 28, when she was convicted of child endangerment and sentenced to four years in prison.

Superior Court Judge Jack Rheinheimer said he imposed the stiff sentence because of the seriousness of the crime and the vulnerability of the victims.

Her lawyer, Thomas O'Connell, claimed the sentence was too harsh. "She is going to serve a life sentence of her own," he said.

Red riders

Soviet authorities are up in arms over motorcycle gangs that are taking over the streets of Moscow.

The Russian version of the Hell's Angels, called "rockers," roar through the streets of the capital at night frightening people officials say.

Feathered friend?

Biologist Steve Nesbitt of the Florida Fish and Game Commission gamecock to gain on a baby sandhill crane gives him a sharp nip at a wildlife preserve near Gainesville. The crane was being checked during a migratory bird tagging project.

WORLD'S HOTTEST GOSSIP

LIBERACE SHOCKER!

He's turned into a macho [redacted] in heaven

The late, great Liberace has given up his sicko gay ways and is now dating girls in the world beyond the grave, claims a top psychic.

Even more astounding, the famed glitter guy [redacted] quit playing piano and wearing furs, bangles and [redacted] in the afterlife. Instead, he fills [redacted] time [redacted] pumping iron and chasing after women. And he's reportedly so proud of his new beefed-up bod that he refuses to wear anything but cut-off jeans and tank tops or those skimpy muscleman bathing suits.

That's the claim of renown Romanian psychic Countess Sophia Sebek, who learned of Liberace's new ways through her spirit contact in the other world. ShaNa, an Egyptian slave girl who lived 5,000 years ago.

"The word I received is that

Deceased showman now pumping iron and chasing women

Liberace has learned his lesson after spending his earthly life as a heterosexual and dying from AIDS," said Countess Sebek.

"He's now totally anti-gay and even snubs other deceased gays like Rock Hudson and playwright Noel Coward. Instead he's gone on a macho kick. He even challenged John Wayne to a fight in a fit of jealously over Natalie Wood. Liberace was making a play for Natalie and she left him to talk with Wayne. Liberace flew into a rage and nearly came to blows with the actor."

The Countess said many of the other spirits are fed up with Liberace's outrageous behavior.

"ShaNa said he certainly didn't win any friends when he started taunting Rock by calling him a 'diary,'" she said.

The amazing turnabout by the late, gay showman is reportedly the talk of the spirit world. — Countess Sophia Sebek.

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Funny guys Steve Martin and Robin Williams are teaming up to do a play on the Big Apple. They'll star in the bizarre *Waiting for Godot* — New York Post

OUTRAGEOUS! New macho Liberace

Aimee, who costarred with Arnold Schwarzenegger in *The Running Man*, says marriage isn't for her. "Only three who can look into each other's eyes and say, 'I love you.'" — Orlando *Sentinel*

Arnold Schwarzenegger

MEOW — Big Arnie gets catty with Sly

There's no love lost between movie macho men Sylvester Stallone and Arnold Schwarzenegger.

That's the word from Arnie himself who says he just can't seem to warm up to that flashy guy.

"He just hits me the wrong way," says big Arnie.

"I make every effort that is humanly possible to be friendly to the guy and he just gives off the wrong vibrations." Another thing about Sly that puts Arnie wrong is Stallone's tendency to dress flashy. Arnie's more the Ivy League type when it comes to duds.

"It's a shame no one taught him to be neat," says Arnie.

"He should have . . . corduroy pants with a plaid shirt . . . rather than that fur vest when he dresses."

Next, new Arnie — it's not nice for a muscle-bound hulk to be catty. — *Fort Lauderdale Sun-Sentinel.*

Sylvester Stallone

ing overlooked. "I think the makeup companies are losing a big thing by not asking me to do commercials for their makeup," she charged.

"You know, I mean, I'm worldwide known for my makeup. You know all the kind of stuff I'm supposed to put on my face."

No argument here, Tammy. — *Dallas Times Herald*

★ ★ ★

Remember *Dukes of Hazzard* hunk John Schneider? John says he plans to come back to TV next year in a new series he's producing called *Shadow Chaser*.

Instead of a hillybilly car freak, he'll play an Air Force pilot. — *New York Post*

★ ★ ★

Lucille Ball may be a showbiz legend and queen of TV's funny gals, but she's too well bred to act like a bigwig.

Recently while attending a play off-Broadway, the ever-polite Lucy waited until the show was just about to begin before going to her seat to keep from causing a sensation.

Then, she turned and asked the person behind if he could see the stage.

Finally, she refused to sign any autographs afterwards until the show's cast had taken all their curtain calls. — *Orlando Sentinel*

★ ★ ★

If other Tinseltown folks decided to follow in Ronnie Reagan's footsteps, say hello Pres will be their oldest first-term Charlton Heston.

That's according to a poll taken by

Tammy Bakker miffed at makeup companies

Lucille Ball

USA Today in which fourth that big Chuck got 23 percent of the vote of those asked. The next most popular candidates were Paul Newman with 14 percent, Bill Cosby with 13 percent and John Forsythe with 11 percent.

Jane Fonda headed the list of the gals with 9 percent. — *Boston Globe*

★ ★ ★

Pretty **Shelley Fabares**, who played the daughter on the famed hit sit-com *The Donna Reed Show* says she adores hubby Mike Farrell of the M*A*S*H vented, but things got a bit sticky when he directed her in an upcoming TV movie.

"At home we discuss things, but on the set directors tell you what to do," she sighed. "I had to shift gears. The first few days I wanted to say, 'You talking to me?'" — *USA Today*

★ ★ ★

Sad news. **Bob Hope** reportedly broke off his engagement to cutey actress Elizabeth McGovern.

Wow, we didn't even know they WERE engaged. — *Philadelphia Daily News*

★ ★ ★

Funny guy **Jay Leno** says he's not letting his success go to a jokester go to his head.

"That is a business. That is a job — it's my work. I consider myself a journeyman comedian."

Jay still remembers the old days of struggle when he worked clubs like the one called the Mine Shaft. That's the one where the customers all were miner's lamps so their heads — *Palm Beach Post*

★ ★ ★

Plucky **Sandy Duncan**, who re-

Stunning is Tricia Leigh Fisher's career. The sultry actress is the daughter of singer Connie Francis and crooner Eddie Fisher. Her sister is Carrie "Star Wars" Fisher. At only 18 Tricia's already had parts in TV's "One Big Family" and "Star Hunter."

ports that she's happy as a lark with her new husband, Peter Knight, says folks who first meet her tend really shy and her brush manner is to think she's snooty, but she's really her way of compensating. — *Chicago Sun Times* The blonde pixie says she's *Tribune*

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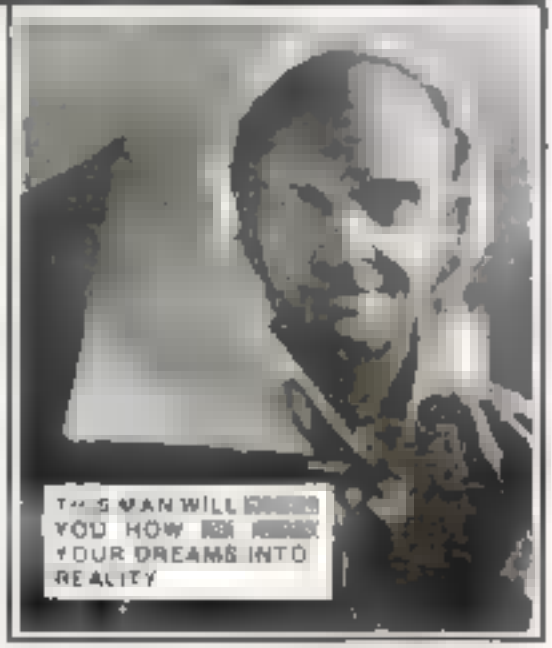

[redacted] and thinking in the ordinary manner.

This universe says [redacted] can do anything [redacted] wish. Has enough already validated [redacted] to [redacted] you the [redacted] you've been programmed by your [redacted] parents to [redacted] in order to [redacted] in this [redacted] world. Many [redacted] have now set out to [redacted] to create an [redacted] and [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]

After pickup truck slams pole

Teens left pal to die like a dog, say police

Moments after they sideswiped a telephone pole with their pickup truck authorities say three teens dragged a badly injured friend off the road and into the woods where they left him to die!

Charles Ambrose

Michael Lee

They dragged his bleeding body off the road and just walked away!

AN AUTOPSY confirmed that Chris Pelosi had a chance to survive the accident — if he'd received immediate medical care

GRIEVING LAWYER Gregory Olsen examines the site where the teen died

The cold-hearted act shocked residents of the city known as Pearl Brownsville, Pa., where the victim, Chris Pelosi, 19, was well known and well liked.

He was a hard kid and an athletic standout. Chris is the first member of the Pelosi family [illegible] died all alone in the dark, and [illegible] would never see his family [illegible] again.

Authorities said Pelosi was riding in the back of the pickup as he and his three friends drove home [illegible] a party.

[illegible] swerved, the pickup sideswiped a telephone pole. Pelosi was thrown from the vehicle and landed in the road with massive internal injuries that included a broken pelvis, eight broken ribs, a ruptured kidney and ruptured liver.

But instead of calling for help, the injured teen's friends dragged him off the road 150 feet into the woods and left him there to die. Despite his injuries an autopsy conducted that Pelosi had up to a 10 percent chance of surviving the accident, but died about 20 minutes after being abandoned in the woods.

Police charged two 19-year-old passengers in the pickup, Michael Lee and Charles Ambrose, with [illegible] and vehicular homicide. [illegible] a 17-year-old driver was charged by juvenile authorities with [illegible] homicide.

Pelosi's family is totally destroyed. Every member of the family has said over and over again, 'We could live with an accident, but we can't live with this.'"

— PETE COOKE

preliminary hearing the officer testified that he heard Ambrose who, most of the teenagers, had [illegible] to [illegible] take off their jacket to cover Pelosi as he lay dying in the cold, [illegible] night.

The officer said Ambrose told him: "All I had on was a T-shirt and I would have been cold."

Gregory Olsen, the Pelosi family's attorney, said, "The family is totally destroyed. Every member of the family has said over and over again, 'We could live with an accident, but we can't live with this.'"

— PETE COOKE

[illegible] family who gave her up 30 [illegible] ago

A tearful Prissana Nerlinger was reunited with the loving parents who gave her up for adoption in 1961 — so that she and her Siamese-twin sister could go to America to be surgically separated!

Prissana's heart-tugging reunion with her parents Chaua and Nak Pelpinyo unfolded like a fairy tale in Thailand where she and her sister Napit were born joined at their breasts and sharing the same liver.

The Siamese twins were adopted by Ellis and Florence Ahlstedt, an American couple then living in Bangkok. They brought the girls to the U.S., where they were successfully separated at Chicago Billings Hospital.

The girls grew up doctored and cared for by their adoptive parents, Prissana in Moreno Vista, Calif., Napit in Topeka, Kans. Over the years, the girls lost track of their parents' whereabouts in Thailand. Then, more than three decades later, Prissana and her husband Jim were visiting Bangkok when a new hotel manager recognized her from a 1959 newspaper photo and tipped off officials that one of the famed Siamese twins was in the city.

It wasn't long before arrangements were made for Prissana — whose name means Mystery of Life — to be reunited with her parents.

"Oh, God! Was I surprised," Prissana told The NEWS. "I had no idea where my parents were. It was a very tearful, gut-wrenching experience to see my mother and father again."

Chaua and Nak explained they only agreed to give up their daughters after doctors told them

HAPPIER TWINS Prissana, left, and Napit get a hug from their mother Chaua

Castration cure for AIDS

Australian Dr. Victor Lee claims he has found a cure-fire cure for the killer disease AIDS — castration! Writing in a science journal, Dr. Lee said animal experiments show that castration boosts the body's immune system, thus enabling it to fight the disease.

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Hospital shocker! Doctors trade punches while patient waits on operating [illegible]

SURGEONS IN SLUGFEST!

By JACK ALEXANDER

Astonished nurses watched in amazement as two feuding doctors slugged it out during surgery — while an unconscious patient lay on the operating table.

Orthopedic surgeon Bob Johnson, 46, stormed into the operating room and punched Dr. George Jacobs, 50, who was stitching up a patient injured in an auto crash, said a spokesman at Arrowe Park Hospital in Wirral, England.

Spotting surgeon went to the patient's aid as the two surgeons had a knock down, drag-out fight on the operating room floor.

"I couldn't believe my eyes. They were really going at it. I had a hunch it would end in a punch-up."

While hospital staffers stepped in to break up the brawl, another doctor finished stitching up the victim.

Johnson apparently was miffed because Jacobs was taking too long and refusing to be interrupted. He said the scuffle started [illegible]

Mr. Johnson pulled up his sleeves and started [illegible] Dr. Jacobs," he said. "I suppose in retrospect the whole thing looks ridiculous, the doctors have been under pressure."

The spokesman said Jacobs was in shock [illegible] was treated [illegible] hospital [illegible]

Jacobs was treated in the hospital's emergency ward for cuts. Johnson wasn't hurt.

"There was no danger to the patient," said hospital medical manager Dale Roberts. "And operations went on as normal the rest of the day."

Dr. Jacobs was unavailable for comment. Only noted at his home in Birkdale, Johnson said, "I'm pleased it's not possible to say anything."

So long, little pardner

Sam Worden, left, and Scott Mayer, both 3 years old, say goodbye outside Sam's Cincinnati home. The little campaigners have been pals since 1983 but Scott and his family was packing up and moving to Boston.

Tuesday's the most productive

A new survey of the nation's largest corporations reveals that Tuesday is the most productive day of the workweek.

Fifty-three percent of 100 personnel directors polled Tuesday said 10 to 19 percent selected Wednesday. Thursday was next [illegible] and Monday with 8 percent.

Bowler chases his dream

Task shoots an elusive dream. Pete Lee Lee Bowler Ted Fingerman has rolled a total of 298 games in the past 20 years, falling just one pin shy of the perfect 300 he set to make.

The 76-year-old man hails from St. Paul Minn., lives there, bowls a week and boasts an average of 182. His best [illegible] was rolled in the 1950s.

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Think how many secrets exist be hidden all around you! Things your spouse won't tell . . . your employers won't say . . . even facts being given about . . . ALL BROUGHT INTO THE OPEN JUST FOR YOU! They'll tell you all their secrets, too, they won't know why.

How? As more, because I haven't told you the almost one best part of "Automatic Mind-Command."

You may have to tell your boss to keep people from overhearing you work here, calls, lunch, crowds! Perfect managers call for working up to you and asking, "Have we you? Can I do anything for you?" They will never suspect that "Automatic Mind-Command" is ordering them to like you, please you . . . and automatically work to help you.

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In all honesty, we asked not the ones who have completed "Automatic Mind-Command"—The day, when the man up A, per the people in authority, walking, happy, dressing . . . Have a day to your "Wish as many!"

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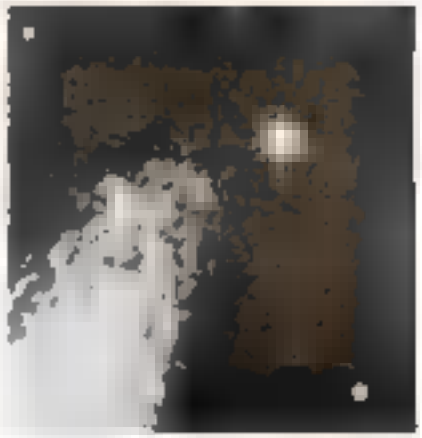

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Even innocent man's mom was fooled by spittin' image

By JACK ALEXANDER

Thomas Sheffield was jailed for armed robbery after his mom, brother, sister and 18 others identified him as the culprit in a photo taken by a hidden camera in a robbery.

When cops showed Edgar Rushing a picture taken by the same camera supposedly showing Sheffield's accomplice, he asked, "Where did you get the photo of me?"

But the two men didn't commit the crime.

They were amazing lookalikes to the alleged bandits who held up a convenience store in Ocala, Fla.

Both men were behind bars for nine months until an informant tipped off the law that two other men pulled that robbery and two other holdups. Kenneth Burns, 24, and his brother, Robert, 21, were charged.

"It was really uncanny how much Sheffield and Rushing looked like the Burns brothers," said Assistant State Atty. Douglas Molloy.

"You put the photos side by side and you couldn't tell them apart.

"When one guy identifies himself and another guy's own mother can't tell the difference, you've gotta believe you've got a good case," said Molloy.

Molloy was ready to prosecute Sheffield, 20, and Rushing, 19, when a confidential police informant told him they didn't commit the robbery.

"There was absolutely no doubt in my mind that they were the armed robbers until we saw the Burns brothers," said Molloy. "The resemblance was incredible.

"When the convenience store clerk opened the safe to get the money she triggered a hidden camera that took the pictures," said Molloy. "The robbers didn't know they were being photographed."

Rushing is a free man but Sheffield "has some problems in Louisiana concerning a bank robbery," said Molloy.

Sheriff's Sgt. Ken Ingle said he doesn't know what the department can do to make amends.

"If either Sheffield or Rushing have suffered any monetary loss, that will have to be determined through a civil proceeding," he said.

MOTHER BANDIT? Kenneth, left, and his alleged partner in crime, Robert, were tossed in by an informant.

THESE GUYS SPENT 9 MONTHS IN JAIL

LOOK-ALIKES Thomas Sheffield, left, and Edgar Rushing were found innocent.

. . . because they're dead ringers for holdup suspects!

Tourist's suitcase stolen by big baboon

A Dutch tourist visiting Cape Town, South Africa, had her suitcase stolen — by a bad baboon!

Mieke Van Gorkum, 40, and members of her family had stopped their car in a nature reserve and one of her kinfolk had gotten out, leaving the car door open.

"All of a sudden this baboon was at the car and we had to jump out," Mieke said.

The big ape grabbed her bag and ran off, but the luggage was later recovered.

Surgery to fix snoring made honker go haywire, claims suit

A man who underwent surgery to cure (Calif.) said he had an operation to correct his snore but did before the surgery, now whistles his snoring has filed a lawsuit claiming he snoring problem in November 1986, but has developed and now stops and whistles in his sleep and claims the surgery only worsened the condi- continually sprays food and water out of

I love my hubby . . . but oh you kid!

Dear Dotti, Eleven years ago when I was 17 and he was 20, I married a Navy man. I loved him very much and he loved me until I got pregnant with our second child. Then after the birth of the baby he was all over me. I still cared for him so I went along with it happily. Now we have three great kids.

My husband gets on a lot of these one-night ships cruises and I get very lonely. I have this kid 16 years my junior but very mature. We became close friends and she loves my kids and the two work. We've been having an affair for the past three years.

Even the first year I started feeling guilty about this and tried to break it off with this kid, but we would get very upset and we were upset in front of me, so I'd always end up calling back and saying I have helped him a lot which he could because my mother has him over with the kids for me to go to the weekend.

What one of us tells that my husband is falling in love with me again so I feel bad from both sides. I want to quit fooling around with the boy friend, but I don't want to hurt my family. I want to be able to live without the guilt of having to affair. And to live without the lies.

Please let me know your feelings. — Torn Between Two Lovers, California

Dear Torn: Just kiddin' — Editors

He robs the cradle and cheats on me

Dear Dotti: Two years ago I married the rather well to do man of my dreams. He was 10 years older than me. We got along great and I really want it to work out between us.

He has started to go out a lot more than usual. He says he's going to the gym, but I know he's not. He's also started going out with his friends on weekends and leaving me home. So he never took me anywhere. I wish he'd just be honest with me.

There is this girl he started getting letters on his car and trying to get ahold of him at work.

He says he thinks he's having a mid-life crisis. He says he's not in love with her and he's not having an affair with her. He says he's just confused.

Please help me. I love him very much and I don't want to lose him. — Confused Wife

Dear Confused: Is this the first time you've caught him cheating? If so, I would say he's not ready to settle down. — Editors

Best friend stole my cheatin' lover

Dear Dotti: I might start by saying that I am not satisfied with my husband as a lover. He is out of shape for me. I gave him permission to go with other women. But he said no, he was enough for him.

Every now and then he will go to bed with other girls. He says he's not in love with them, he's just having sex. I've been married to him for 10 years and I've been faithful to him. I've been a good wife to him. I've been a good mother to our children. I've been a good friend to him. I've been a good lover to him. I've been a good wife to him. I've been a good mother to our children. I've been a good friend to him. I've been a good lover to him.

Dear Dotti: Take it from me, you're better off without him. — Editors

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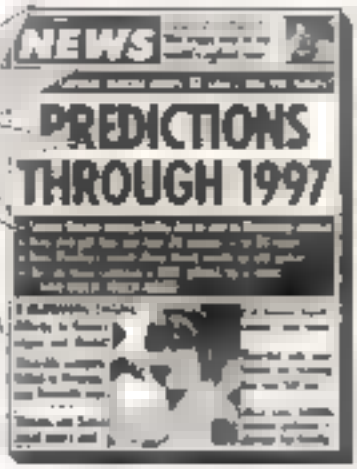

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driver crashes into jet airplane

Housewife Julie Fuller figures she's going to have a hard time explaining to the insurance company that she wrecked her car — by running it into a jet plane!

Julie, 27, was driving the family Volkswagen near an airport in Hampshire, England, when she crashed into a military training jet being towed by a tractor.

The little car was flattened and firemen had to pull the stunned lady from the wreckage.

Bad check writer gets 100 years in slammer!

A man charged with writing bad checks turned down a deal with prosecutors because he thought seven years in prison was too long — and wound up sentenced to 100 years!

Kenneth Jerwick, a 26-year-old electrician, was stunned when Judge Gerald O'Brien handed down the stiff sentence in Clearwater, Fla.

"I don't understand," Jerwick told the judge. "One hundred years? I'm sentenced to 100 years? Why? I didn't know the checks were bad."

But prosecutor Ron Smith said Jerwick has a long criminal record for writing worthless checks, racking up 37 convictions in the past 10 years for passing bad checks in Illinois.

"This guy learned just enough in the school system to get him in trouble," Smith said. "Once he learned how to write, that's what got him in trouble.

"This guy is so bad that five or six of these guys could probably sue the economy of the United States if they acted in concert," the prosecutor said.

According to Smith, Jerwick wrote a $2,000 bad check to buy a car and used worthless checks to purchase a television set, food and some items from a hardware store.

Man bashes foes with a little kid

A hotheaded commuter struggling with a group of line-condoners suddenly picked up a startled 8-year-old girl — and tossed her at the complainers like a rock.

The girl — who'd been waiting for a bus at a crowded platform in Mahwah, New Jersey — struck one of the complainers and suffered a sprained neck when she fell to the ground.

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Something Good is going to Happen to You

Chubby gal sheds 70 pounds — then decides she's too skinny

MY DIET WAS KILLING ME!

By JOE BERGER

Weightloss [redacted] Tracey Bowman shed 70 pounds of shivering, quivering flab overnight and came away sporting the sleek new physique she'd always dreamed of.

Weight-loss whiz is now packing on the pounds

But now the former fatty's ditched her diet and is packing the pounds back on — because all that calorie counting nearly killed her!

"I was right on the edge of anorexia, and if I hadn't straightened myself out and started eating again, I'd have been dead before long," said the number Exmouth, England lady.

"I don't ever want to be fat again, but now I know I don't have to be as thin as a fashion model to be happy with my life."

Chocolate-chomping Tracey, 26, was a 168-pound porker when she traded pudding, pastry and pasta for carrots and cottage cheese several months back.

"I used to eat everything in sight, and it showed," said the still-svelte Naval Security clerk. "Then I got fed up with myself and I went totally to extreme. I started eating nothing. I just nibbled like a bird."

In a flash, the one-time hubby shrank to a Twiggy-slim 113 pounds and was named runner-up in a nationwide weight-loss competition.

"I was getting too skinny but I couldn't think of anything but losing weight," she said.

"I was totally obsessed."

The big turnaround came when Tracey tumbled from her horse and landed in a hospital bed.

"I didn't realize how really weak I was getting until I got hurt," said the streamlined lady. "But then it hit home that I was on the brink of anorexia nervosa and I was killing myself. That's when I said, 'No more.'"

Sure then, Tracey's packed 21 pounds onto her once-frail frame — and she couldn't be happier.

"I feel like my old self again," she said. "And it's lovely being able to eat whatever I like."

NOW Tracey shows zero reluctance she wears and doesn't worry about counting calories and looking like a fashion model.

AFTER: Tracey, left, as Twiggy-slim

BEFORE DIET: Tracey has been loved to pig out on pasta.

Mom set herself on fire, say cops

A mother who feared losing her three children after she and her husband separated, doused herself with gasoline and set herself on fire!

Dallas police said 30-year-old Wanda Cody was hospitalized with burns over 70 percent of her body.

Investigators said Mrs. Cody was worried that a social service agency might take custody of her twins who are aged 10. [and 1]

An agency spokesman said the Texas Department of Human Services has no record of Mrs. Cody.

Authorities said the woman was at a counseling session when she became upset, went out to her car and returned with a plastic half-gallon bottle filled with gasoline.

Witnesses said she poured the gas over herself and ignited it with a disposable lighter.

AIDS docs put babies at risk, warns expert

Pregnant women and their unborn babies are in danger from AIDS-carrying doctors, warns Dr. Patrick Dixon in his new book, *The Truth About AIDS*.

He claims the British government cover-up about the severity of the AIDS epidemic "makes Chernobyl look like an afternoon tea party." Even if the infected doctors don't pass along the AIDS virus, patients are at risk from other illnesses, said Dr Dixon of London, England.

He said the public should be protected from medical workers who have AIDS or who are suspected of having it.

Dr Dixon said that even if the risk of passing on tuberculosis and the cytomegalo virus, which could affect pregnant women and unborn babies.

AIDS also causes dementia or progressive brain damage, and doctors whose mental faculties become impaired could make serious errors in diagnosis or prescribing drugs.

Medical Associations said that AIDS-infected doctors are being closely monitored.

Students jailed for cheating

Students in India will think twice about cheating on tests after the passage of a new law making it a crime punishable by up to a year in jail.

The [illegible] law provides [illegible]

CIRCLE shows where the condemned man injected the drug. Inset, executioner

Suicide spectacular

Thousands of London employees watched in horror as an undetected death leaped to the top of a crane and hanged itself – thus saving £50 and by death. The grisly drama unfolded at a construction site in London where workers had gathered to pray. The death stood atop the crane for two hours as London police grappled with how to deal down but the man refused to listen. As the throng of employees watched in stunned disbelief from the street below, the man made three small strokes across his throat with a ceremonial dagger. Then, without a word to onlookers, he leaped to his death.

SUICIDE MAN makes three slight strokes with his knife

FINAL FALL begins as the man leaps away from his perch atop the crane

Man slits his throat

. . . then does swan dive off crane

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WORLD'S GREATEST

By HENRY WEBER

You can lose all the weight you over the holidays and much, m with Countess Sophia Sabak's psychic diet!

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"Better yet, when you lose weight my way, it stays off. All you have to do is believe."

Although Countess Sabak has been helping clients lose weight for decades, she has been reluctant to go public with her plan because doubts it such a powerful thing.

"But the hundreds of letters I received over the holidays has convinced me that excess weight is epidemic," she said.

I was entitled to learn by m press pleas for help. I decided then and there that I had a re responsibility to the people to m [illegible] plan."

Countess Sabak's plan is de [illegible] simple. All you have to do is get a sensible low-fat [illegible] from your doctor or la [illegible] diet book.

Then follow her daily routine [illegible] the wrong foods right on the destruction of fat cells and total replacement of sluggish [illegible] and low-cal snacks.

As with any diet, one should consult a doctor before getting underway. Then you get that [illegible] boost, what the Countess wants you to do.

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These are proven power foods that can make or break your diet, said Countess Sabak. I strongly recommend that you stock up and snack on them as often as you like.

"I just know," she added, "that all of

ctically all to start the flavors and relish every bite. With a bit of work, you should literally be able to squelch and taste your imaginary meal. Try to feel the food as it goes into your stomach. When you're about to pass, take another bite or two of dessert.

Then sit down to your actual meal or snack. If you've really been concentrating, you'll find that you aren't really hungry enough to overeat. And you'll be able to enjoy every bite!

Talk to your fat. Spend 15 minutes every morning after-noon and evening repeating these words: "You're not me now but I'll flush you out!"

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College pranks called rude and lewd

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[illegible] foods from their beds and throw-a their beds. Colle-

Officials said several sleeping rooms were

Mom loses daughter for loving too much

Authorities put a 13-year-old girl into foster care because her natural mother "showed her with too much love."

Juvenile court authorities in Gainsborough, England, said the unidentified mother was "extremely overprotective" of her beloved daughter.

She even kept the girl home from school because she figured the child was better off with her. The mother won a court battle

Reservations required for slammer cells

When Wayne Pratt showed up at Texas' state prison to begin serving a two-year term for aggravated assault prison officials wouldn't let him in — because he didn't have a reservation.

He dutifully tried again two days later, and the way turned away again.

"This thing's like making hotel reservations," said Judge Leroy Sanders, who sentenced Pratt to prison.

A prison spokesman said new policy requires incoming cons to have a reservation.

Robber left no fingerprints — just a finger!

A bumbling bandit, frantic to escape after botching a robbery, left police more than a fingerprint for a clue — he left a finger!

Incredibly, the panic-stricken bandit ripped off his pinkie finger after it became jammed in the lock of the door to the Lambeth, England, drug store he had tried to rob.

"The man was in such a rush to get out, he just sawed his finger off when a business door in the door lock," reports a police inspector. "Talk about having a clue. We not only have a fingerprint — we have the entire finger."

The bizarre incident happened when the bandit tried to stick up pharmacist Rashmi Mehta as he drug store. Mehta refused to be intimidated by the knife-wielding robber and began grappling with him.

The robber became frightened and decided to flee. In his panic to rush out of the store, he somehow got his pinkie finger stuck in the lock which he finally upon the door.

"He apparently was in such a panic he never felt the pain until later," said the inspector.

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Mom: Twin sons confuse the cops

Port Maine Schumacher has been arrested several times this month, because his identical twin brother tells cops he's Shane when he gets in trouble.

Police records in San Antonio show that Wayne Lee Schumacher was arrested on a bench warrant charge, but the Texas grand jury indicted Shane instead of his brother.

The twins further confused Schumacher, in rallying to Shane's defense, pointing out that Wayne is the suspect. She said Wayne has a nasty habit of using Shane's name when he tangles with the law.

Suicide goof

A convict poisoned who admitted that he was "too chicken" to kill himself allegedly opened fire on cops, hoping they'd get him out of his misery — by blowing him away.

They didn't and Chicago resident Peter Medwell, 37, was arrested on a charge of attempted murder. Authorities said the tragic man reportedly has inoperable lung cancer.

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MAN FALLS VICTIM TO 600-YEAR CURSE

By HENRY WHITE

A 600-year-old curse claimed its final victim when an elderly architect slipped and hit his head on the coffin of the vengeful woman who condemned him to a grisly death — in the 15th century!

"It's absolutely uncanny," historian Wells Genin told reporters in Cernay, France.

"Christian de Beaumanoir was quite confident that he had escaped the curse that clutched all the first-born males in his family during back to 1405.

"Because of his advanced age it appeared that maybe he had beaten it. But we will never say that he hadn't.

"I think everyone would agree that the odds against de Beaumanoir striking his skull on the coffin of the woman who cursed his family are astronomical indeed."

According to Genin, the family's troubles began when Jean de Beaumanoir met a rival Austrian knight in battle in 1405.

Legend has it that Hadyet Dragon was seriously injured in the fight and tried to surrender to de Beaumanoir who scoffed — and cruelly cursed his brother.

Dragon's grieving widow blamed de Beaumanoir and his descendants. Rarely the French knight was crushed under his own horse and [illegible]

His first born male descendants [illegible] his or untimely deaths. But none [illegible] quite as ominous as that of Christian de [illegible]

Speaking [illegible] Genin said [illegible] members of the family.

"The beginning of the end came when de Beaumanoir agreed to be present for the excavation of Mme. Dragon's [illegible] was peeled [illegible] old [illegible] that was [illegible]

"He [illegible] to pay [illegible] grave with [illegible] of de Beaumanoir gloating on the coffin," said Genin.

But even the grave wasn't prepared for what actually happened when the grave was opened. At first de Beaumanoir complained of dizziness. Then he fell backwards into the grave. His head hit the coffin square on.

"He died instantly."

Genin is currently writing what promises to be the definitive book on the de Beaumanoir curse which he hopes to publish by summer.

"I'm not thinking my own horn," he said.

"But anyone interested in things like this will have to read it.

"I don't think there's any better example of the way curses can shape fate. And I've discovered that many people are cursed and don't realize it."

He tumbles into open grave and hits head on coffin!

Drug firm makes money-back deal

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Man killed by exploding tire

A man was killed when he pulled into a gas station in Ill. his spare tire with air — and it blew up in his face.

Officials said Jimmie Hensgan died of head and chest injuries in the accident that occurred in Chalmette, La., near

Turning over a new leaf

Bungling crook forgets his gun!

A stupid would-be robber tried to rob a Denny's restaurant but came away empty-handed — he almost let forget both his holdup note and his gun.

Police in San Jose, Calif., said the dumbo disguised himself to hide a pencil and paper from a waitress to write out his note demanding money.

And even though the guy claimed to have a gun, witnesses said it was obvious that he wasn't armed. So the waitress told the trembling would-be robber she wasn't going to open the register for him.

And when another waitress started to scream, the frustrated thing ran out without a dime.

He was arrested a few blocks away by a private security guard who had been in the restaurant.

"What you're looking at here is your basic, fundamental loser," police Sgt. Douglas Johnson said of the would-be robber.

Crime finances a lavish wedding

A couple whose authentic Polish wedding ceremony made the papers found themselves back in the headlines three months later when the groom was convicted of knocking over a grocery store to help pay for the extravaganza!

Robert and Christine Wilkowski, married in a lavish, lakefront ceremony in Milwaukee, Wis., during the city's Polish Fest celebration, described their wedding as "something that only happens in fairy tales."

But authorities said the 28-year-old groom turned to crime in a desperate attempt to pay for the dream wedding.

Martin Hanson, Wilkowski's attorney, said the groom was under intense financial pressure to pay for the elaborate affair that included 27 attendants dressed in authentic ethnic costumes.

According to authorities, Wilkowski claimed to have a gun when he demanded cash from a grocery store cashier and fled with $340.

He was sentenced to a year in jail and five years' probation.

Don't drop that Southern accent

Southerners should all be proud of the way they speak and stop trying to change their drawl to please others, a top literary critic says.

"I wish my southern countrymen could live in the East for awhile," said Dr. Cleanth Brooks, professor emeritus at Yale University and author of several books on literary techniques and rhetoric.

"If they learned to the accents there they might be a little slower to change. It's a rambling, unpleasant sound."

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From rags to riches — and back to rags!

Scrubwoman blows a bundle after lottery win — then finds it's all a big mistake!

By JOE SIEGEL

Impoverished mum Aparecida Nogueira was so excited when they told her she'd won $2 million that she rushed out to buy all the things she'd always dreamed of — a flashy car, fancy clothes and a fabulous new home for her family.

But when the shell-shocked scrubwoman learned it was all just a horrible mistake — and actually, she hadn't won a nickel!

"I'm just devastated," an-guished Aparecida, 34, told reporters in Belo Horizonte, Brazil. "One minute they tell me I have won the lottery. I am rich beyond my maddest imagination. I am a beautiful new life for me and my family.

"Then they tell me sorry, you have to give back the car and all the pretty clothes and everything. You are just a poor clubfoot woman again. My heart dropped through the floor."

The luckless lady's dream turned nightmare began when Brazilian lottery bosses notified the press that a ticket registered to Aparecida's hubby Jose had won the $2 million grand prize [illegible]

rushed to interview the fortune family, but unassuming Jose — a jobless chauffeur — was out of town applying for work when the newspaper and TV crews arrived.

"They came and told me it was official that we had won," said the flustered mother of four.

"They started asking me all the things I would do with the money.

"They also wanted me to pose with the winning ticket but I said them Jose had that with him — they could come back and photograph him when he got home."

The minute the news was made public, mixed Aparecida and two of her children set out on the shopping spree of a lifetime.

"We didn't have any money with us, but nobody wanted to care," said the poor wretch. "It was all over the news that we'd won $2 million so wherever we went they gave us credit.

"We bought the prettiest red car I've ever seen, then we went to the store and bought jewelry and clothes for everyone in the family.

"Next we went to the real estate people and arranged to buy a mansion for us in the best part of the city. It [illegible] had with six bedrooms and three chandeliers and a fireplace."

But the bubble burst that night when Jose got home, checked his ticket against the winning numbers — and found to his horror that they didn't match.

"They had us mixed up with some engineer [illegible]

we didn't know," said heartsick Jose.

"We got all the money and we got nothing.

"My poor Aparecida was in shock. She had bought [illegible] of things and she had to take them all back. Our new sports car had 37 miles on it when she returned it to the dealer.

"And our new home — I never seen girl in new that but I thought it was beautiful. It even had a pool and a garage for two cars.

"Now Aparecida and I will never know what it's like to live like that.

"We were rich for a day — but that is worse than never being rich at all."

Clothes call

Lucky lunch Will-o'-the-wisp takes a peek inside one of the numbers in his grandpop's lavender at Swanville, Ala. The little guy thinks it's a great place to play

Robbery was a family affair?

A father-and-husband and a mother drove the getaway car — after wedding their 10-year-old son to hold up a store in Pittsburgh, Pa., cops say.

Howard Buchanan, 34, and his 29-year-old wife Dorothy, were charged with burglary, criminal conspiracy and corruption of a minor.

The boy and his two brothers were turned over to juvenile authorities.

Suspect's truck flattens cop's car like a pancake!

Officer Mike Clement was stopped when the pickup truck with oversized tires he stopped for a suspected traffic violation suddenly backed up — and ran over his police car.

The car was totaled, said Bloomfield, Colo., Police Lt. Dale Valencia.

[illegible] pulled the truck and its driver over for allegedly running a stop sign. Clement started walking over to the side of the truck which was raised up about two feet on large, oversized tires.

"I didn't even get close enough to talk to him," Clement said. [illegible]

CRUNCH!

over the hood, through the windshield and shot off the side."

[illegible] the beached-up police cruiser which was still driveable.

The 80-m.p.h. chase through Bloomfield ended when the truck slammed through barricades at the end of a dead-end street and ploughed into a 5-foot mound of dirt.

Clement's car was only one [illegible] finished the chase. Arrested was Ronald K. Posey, 34, who was charged with driving under the influence and second-degree assault, said Lt. Valencia.

Posey reportedly had numerous other traffic scrapes with police in the past.

"It never [illegible]

Slow-poke & the cops in a low-speed chase!

The cops said it was the first time they'd ever been involved in a low-speed chase.

Two policemen in Santa Valley, Calif., turned on their flashing lights to stop a motorist for having expired plates, but the guy kept on driving.

He turned onto a winding, twisting mountain road.

And even though he crept along at a snail's pace for five long miles, he neatly ignored the flashing lights in his rearview mirror.

Finally, he turned off — right into the parking lot of the Santa Cruz County Jail.

There the flabbergasted cops cancelled him and charged him with a variety of offenses — including drunk driving.

Olympic hosts carry torch for dog meat!

Folks visiting the 1988 Olympics in Korea won't have to do without a lip-smacking meal of earthworm soup and dog meat — even though the traditional delicacies are legally banned.

The government in Seoul outlawed sale of the exotic foods back in 1984 in an effort to shape up the country's image for tourists visiting the Olympics.

But it didn't work.

The pooch-and-worm-meat cafes just moved off the main streets and continued to do business as usual.

"Once you've had a plate of dog meat you don't want any other kind of meat," said one cafe owner. "Business is flourishing."

Koreans can't understand why the squeamish foreigners find the idea of eating a pooch repulsive.

"People are very fond of dogs. They don't eat their pets. They go to restaurants to eat dogs," said one cafe owner.

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Framed kid

An 8-year-old girl has admitted she was lying when she said she had been raped — by her 11-year-old playmate!

Foley in Fernandina Beach, Fla., said the girl supernally persuaded the boy out of pants.

She originally told police the boy had raped her in his home, but she later recanted the story.

The boy's mother said her son has been emotionally wrecked by the outrageous accusation.

"Every kid in the neighborhood knows," she said. "He's been told by the kids he plays with (that he raped her)."

The names of the two children were not released.

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SKULL'S RETURN SHUTS SCREAMING GHOST'S MOUTH!

The ghost of a heathen priest has stopped haunting a centuries-old Polish church — because a former German soldier returned the dead saint's skull to the tomb where he stole it in 1943!

The soldier took the skull of St. Sixtus the Healer from the tomb where he'd left him more than 1,000 years before, at the hands of marauding Cossacks.

The bloodcurdling specter of the heathen saint had been seen on numerous occasions prowling the old church near Warsaw, wailing in anguish for the return of his skull.

Former Wermacht corporal Wilhelm Muller read about the wailing ghost in an East German magazine and decided to return the skull, which had been in his basement since the end of World War 2.

"At first I made no connection between the ghost and the skull I had," the 70-year-old retired printer said. "So many years had passed, you see. I had forgotten when that I had taken it.

"But then my wife Anna read the article and the sad story came back to me. It was just a poor old ghost who had no peace."

"Like a bolt of lightning, it all came flooding back. I remembered taking the skull from an ancient tomb in a little village near Warsaw. I had meant no harm. It was just a souvenir of the war. But all that was a long, long time ago. Since the war, I have tried to be a good and decent man. So I knew that if I never did another thing in my life, I must return the skull to where it belonged."

A few weeks later, Wilhelm was given permission to visit Poland.

Quietly, without public fanfare, he took the carefully wrapped skull to the church and buried it once to a very grateful priest. "I had been given assurances that I would be allowed to return home," Wilhelm said.

"I was very grateful for their understanding.

"The skull was immediately restored to its rightful place in the tomb.

"That was four months ago and I have heard from the church that the ghost has not been seen or heard since. Now back Zapa Medal and I can be at peace."

— GEORGE KOMAROV

. . . finally, blessed silence

me, 'Will, why don't you take that old skull out of the basement and send it back to the church?' That really

Smuggled snapshots reveal unspeakable cruelty

Helpless kittens used as bait for vicious pit bulls

By DICK DONOVAN

Thousands of people in Germany were shocked and horrified when they saw magazine photos of tiny kittens being used as living bait — to turn pit bull terriers into savage, bloodthirsty killers!

Shamefully, these disgusting photographs weren't taken in the country that spawned the Nazi extermination camps of World War II, they were taken in Texarkana, Tex.

Some of the photographs depict the insane brutality so vividly that The NEWS branded them as unfit for publication.

One of the smuggled pictures shows two full-grown pit bulls standing on their hind legs, locked in what obviously was a battle to the death.

One downed dog is shown howling in agony as its bull-crazed attacker sinks its fangs into its throat and head.

And clearly visible in the background, a beer can clutched in his shirt, a bearded "fight fan" watches the ghastly slaughter with no more compassion than the ancient Roman showed when Christians were thrown to the lions.

A LITTLE KITTEN is used as bait in the bloodthirsty pit bulls sport in Texarkana, Tex. The kitten is tethered to a board to keep the dog from reaching the kitten.

Hundreds of pounds of property seized. Are trained from puppyhood for pain. The underworld trainers in Texarkana insists that certain pits possess a will to kill, while killer instinct is bred into mechanical rabbits around a racetrack.

A little kitten is put into a wire-mesh basket that's suspended from a pole on a crude carousel-like apparatus. A bull terrier is tethered to another pole that's supposed to keep the dog from reaching the kitten.

The device is turned by the dog chasing the trapped kitten.

Though dog fighting is an outlawed "sport" in America, it's still carried on in backwoods areas in many parts of the nation.

"Unfortunately, pit bulls often fall into the hands of people who are not responsible dog owners," declared Ted Holloway, a breeder in western Kentucky. "And that's the way they raise what would otherwise be a gentle and loving animal."

Baby found in basket

A basket found in a hotel elevator contained a newborn and a note that said: "I need someone to take care of me better than my teenage mom!"

"The baby is fine," reported a spokesman for the Sacramento, Calif., police department. "Now we're trying to locate the mother."

Croc crawls out of sewer

A huge crocodile got a nasty surprise when he crawled out of a sewer and onto a busy sidewalk — and was immediately attacked by panicky passersby.

People pelted the startled croc with rocks and pounded him with sticks until he rushed back to the safety of his sewer in Madras, India.

But the beast kept baring his teeth at scared onlookers as animal handlers hauled him off to a nearby zoo.

Silver undies keep microwave ovens from zapping moms-to-be

By DICK DOYOVAN

Pregnant women worried about zapping their unborn babies when they use the microwave oven need fret no more — all they have to do is shimmy into a new line of sexy silver-plated undies!

Des Moines, Iowa, engineer Barbara Lunde designed the shimmering nylon mesh underpants, slips, camisoles and shirts to reflect electromagnetic waves the way a mirror reflects light.

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Town's prayers heal burn baby!

By JACK ALEXANDER

Toddler Luke Parker's face was a sickening mass of charred flesh after he tumbled into a blazing fireplace — but he has been miraculously healed by the power of prayer.

Doctors said the blue-eyed tot would be horribly scarred for life and might never see again out of his badly burned left eye.

But they didn't dream that the prayers of an entire village would help stop every scar that blemished the blond-haired baby boy's precious face.

"Some power stronger than medicine has saved him," said his thankful mum, Linda Parker of Woodville, England. "Surely, it is one of God's miracles." The playful lad suffered painful burns when he toppled out of his baby walker into the fireplace little more than a year ago.

Villagers living near Linda and her husband Tom heard about the family's problems and began their incredible prayers.

"It just spread like wild fire," said Linda. "At first only a few close neighbors prayed for Luke. But as the weeks turned into months, the entire village was praying to God to heal his burns."

"People walked up to us on the street and said they had joined in the prayers. It was so heartwarming that people cared."

The year-long prayers have worked magic on the little tyke. "The change in his face is staggering," said Linda. "His little eye was shut tight by the burns but suddenly it opened again and shone bright blue."

MIRACULOUS! Burned Luke Parker's chances were slim, said medical experts.

MIRACULOUS! Burned Luke is a delight to his mum Linda.

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Acid attack

Teacher used ex-students to get even with his principal, say cops

By DEREK CLONTZ

A schoolteacher who was mad at his principal hired a couple of ex-students to wreck the guy's car, say cops.

Richard Grays allegedly paid two young men a total of $40 to run acid on the interior of school principal Arthur Coul's 1983 Subaru and break the windshield, New York police said.

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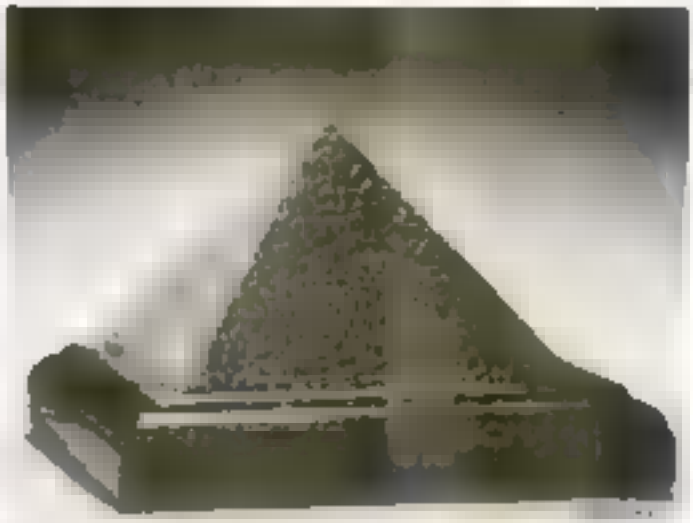

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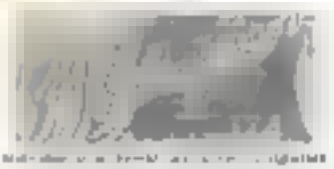

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For two years now Eugenio Spartalione and his family have lived in public rest rooms and the old man is tired of it, he says.

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"I live in inhuman conditions, while in Lipari there are many beautiful villas," Spartalione, 65, told an Italian news agency.

He's demanding that he and his wife Adele, 60, and his son Silvanni, 34, be given government-subsidized housing immediately.

The old man and his family have made their home in the public bathrooms in front of Lipari's city hall since September, 1987.

Man catches black plague

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When brothers couldn't [redacted] for surgery that separated them . . .

Heartless docs rejoin Siamese twins

By HENRY WEBB

Surgeons cruelly reattached the Siamese twins they separated a month earlier — because they couldn't pay their bill!

"This is an outrage beyond belief," said Marcelo Albania, attorney for the twins' Pedro and Manuel Cardona. From Barcelona, Spain

Matias Hernandez can't argue

that the surgery is medically

because the Cardona twins

were within their rights to do

"The Cardona brothers gave

the procedure with a life

check and had absolutely no

of causing it," said Dr. Turner

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and depressed," said Albania. After a [illegible]

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High school teenager Chris Wood [illegible]

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Twin beats drunk driving rap when cop [redacted] double!

Brian Bowers beat a drunk driving rap when the cop couldn't tell the difference between him and his twin brother Barry.

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Brian and Barry, both 31, showed up in court wearing the same gray suits and identical beards.

Brian grins who were the incident when he was stopped for driving under the influence and reportedly had a blood alcohol of .12. He claimed he had been returning from a birthday party where he only had two beers.

The problem was: The man who was stopped wasn't carrying a driver's license at the time so the rare depended on the arresting officer's identification. And the state trooper was unable to pick out bearded Brian from bearded Barry in court.

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Curses!

[redacted] to get [redacted] $11G she paid psychic [redacted] break a spell

A widow who said that she went to a psychic for a $10 horoscope reading and wound up paying $11,000 to have a curse lifted from her dead husband is suing to get her money back.

The lawsuit filed by Louise O'Boyle of Brick Town, N.J., says she first encountered psychic Mary Lyon at a fair.

"Mrs. Lyon had a look at the fair and Mrs. O'Boyle went to have a $10 horoscope reading," said Dwight Morris, Mrs. O'Boyle's attorney.

Morris said Mrs. O'Boyle's husband, James, died about three years ago following a long illness.

"The psychic told Mrs. O'Boyle that her husband was the victim of a curse put on him by an old girlfriend," Morris said. "The curse was supposed to bring him chest pains and death."

Morris said the 82-year-old widow was outraged to learn that people had been cursing her husband because of all the suffering he endured.

According to the lawsuit, the psychic told Mrs. O'Boyle that the curse had not died with her husband but would live on to torment her.

The widow said she was told the curse was "lifted" she might send up candles and perform with incantations.

Mrs. O'Boyle said she paid the psychic $200 to perform a ritual using a bottle of water, herbs and rice. Then she said she was told to pay $10,000 to have it taken away forever.

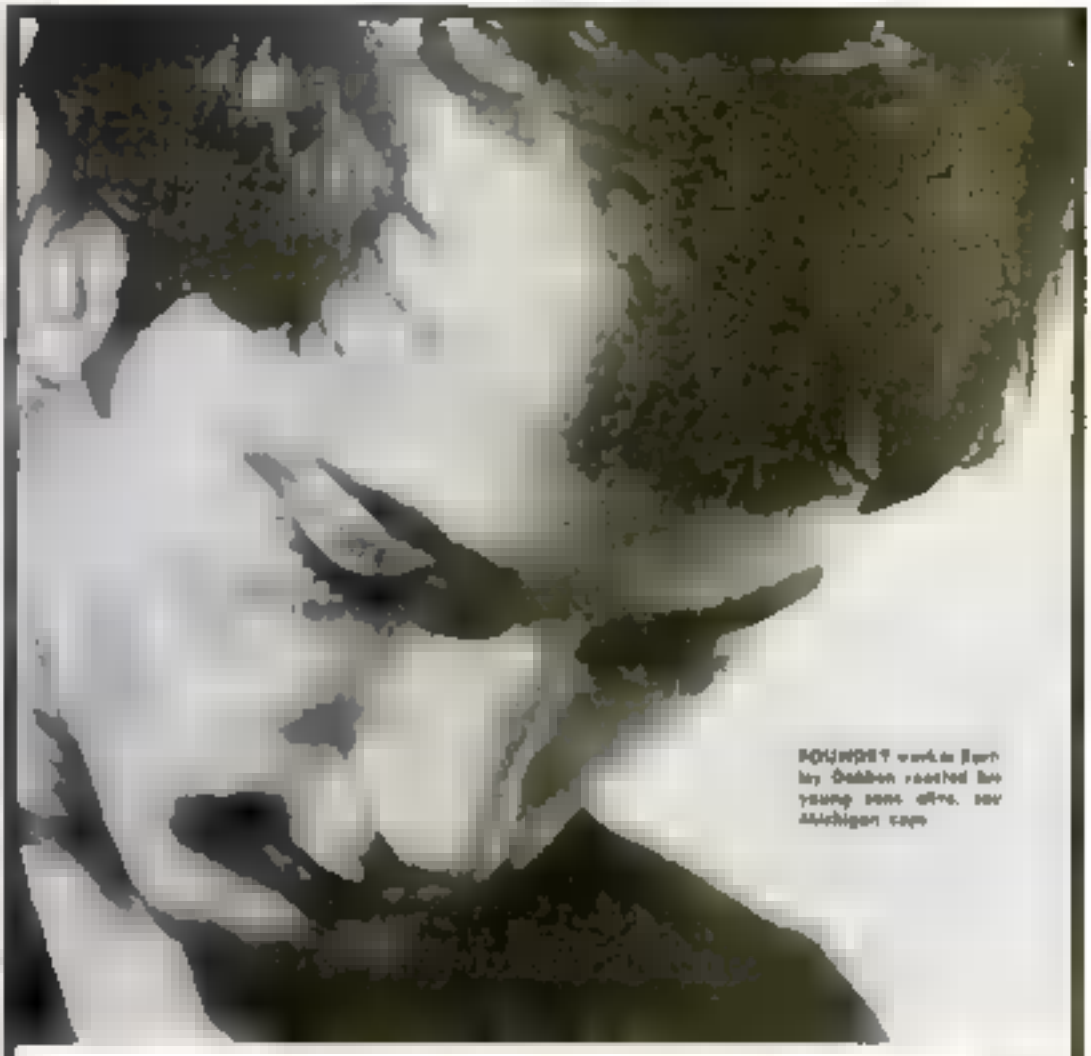
After the widow said she paid the psychic $10,000 in cash, another ceremony took place. She was told that she would be cursed if she told anyone.

"After the second period I felt as if I were doing something wasn't right," said Mrs. O'Boyle. I told her she was cursed, but she said she'd helped me already."

The widow said that in order for her to see the psychic in person, she had to...

"I have nothing against psychics, just that some of them aren't honest," she said. "You have to be careful. Only go to someone you can trust."

—PATT COOPER



SUSPECT: [redacted] worker Bart Ivy Dobbin reacted his young sons alive, say Michigan cops

The face of a fiend?

Dad [redacted] with killing his [redacted] in a [redacted]

By KEVIN LEIGER

Foundry worker Bartley Dobbin fiendishly murdered his two young sons in the most horrifying way imaginable — he roasted them alive in a cooking ladle used for making molten metal!

That's the claim of Muskegon County (Mich.) Prosecutor Harold Close, who has charged the 36-year-old father with two counts of first-degree murder in the deaths of his sons, Joel, 2, and David, 11.

"There was really a purpose in what the small boys were put through," Close said. "It was a deliberate act."

At his arraignment, Dobbin stood expressionless and stood with head bowed as District Judge Edward Clarke ordered him held without bond.

Prosecutor Close refused to say how Dobbin allegedly killed his sons, but he did say that the cause of death will be determined if he is convicted of the crime.

Although Joel Dobbin was divorced from Bart Dobbin and the boys lived with their mother, Joel was visiting his father when he disappeared outside the family home in Muskegon Heights, Leaving behind his shoes and socks.

Close said that

Suspect blows his cover with silly strip show

A 42-year-old man suspected of sticking up a liquor store was nabbed after lawmen spotted him walking down a nearby road — without a stitch of clothes on.

The wacky bandit had stripped naked as a payback to about being detected, said Maine, Tex. Police Chief Barbara Fowler.

Miffed mom pounds killer car to a pulp

An angry mom and her beau grabbed axes and beat the heck out of the souped-up hot rod that was involved in the crash that killed her son.

"Axe the wheels and the engine to make sure it can never be driven again," mom Judith Catalanotto of Beckett, Ill., gloated, who overheard shouting as she and her boyfriend pounded the car to a useless heap.

The pair attacked the car after catching driver Simon Dixon, 22, park it on the street outside a friend's home.

Dixon had been acquitted of causing the death of Mrs. Catalanotto's son due to reckless driving.

However, he was fined $480 for reckless driving, but the judge did not suspend his license.

But the woman was set on making sure that the same car never killed again.

"That was not an act of revenge, but an act of prevention," said the woman's attorney.

He also noted that Dixon's license was not suspended.

"The young national had acquired a reputation in the village as someone who drives at considerable speed," continued the attorney.

"They felt that Mr. Dixon, who had rebuilt his car with wide wheels, supercharged engine and flashy dice, had to be stopped from driving."

The couple admitted criminal damage and were given suspended sentences.

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Wife freed in hit-for-hire plot to kill her hubby

By PETE COOKE

A wife who said years of abuse drove her to hire the hit squad that twice tried to kill her husband was free after she tearfully told her story to sympathetic jurors.

Stella Valenza, a 34-year-old mom, cried for joy when the jury found her not guilty of all 14 charges filed against her in the bizarre death plot.

New York City authorities said the housewife hired three teens who attacked and beat her husband Felice Valenza, with baseball bats.

Valenza, 32, survived the assault, but one month later the paid assassins shot him six times.

Valenza miraculously survived the shooting and was targeted for a third attempt on his life when his wife was arrested.

On the witness stand Mrs. Valenza admitted that she tried to have her husband killed, but said she did it in self-defense.

She testified that Valenza beat her and their 6-year-old son, Joseph, told her she was his slave and raped her at gunpoint.

Mrs. Valenza said she was too terrified of her husband to try to leave him.

"I couldn't get a divorce, I couldn't run away," she testified. "My only alternative was to have him killed. If I could have, I would have done it myself." Mrs. Valenza told jurors. "But I couldn't hurt anybody. I couldn't do it."

Instead, Mrs. Valenza said she offered three high school students $20,000 to kill her husband and gave them a $4,700 down payment before they brutally beat him with baseball bats.

While Valenza spent a week in the hospital recovering from the baseball bat attack, his wife was renegotiating the contract on his life, offering the terror $100,000 to do the job.

A month after the first attack, Valenza was shot six times, suffering wounds to the hand, leg and head.

Authorities said Mrs. Valenza was plotting a third murder attempt when she was arrested.

After three weeks of testimony, jurors deliberated Mrs. Valenza's fate for five days before eventually finding her not guilty.

"I want to thank the jury for understanding me and seeing that I was a victim," Mrs. Valenza said as she left the courthouse.

The three teens arrested in connection with the death plot

JURY found Stella Valenza shown with her son, after she said years of abuse led her to hire hit squad to kill her hubby

Cops say she paid three teens to ice him and they blew it — twice

Judge told: A spaceman made me do it

Wacko Jerry B. Hagedorn stabbed a stranger bloody with a machete but was found not guilty of assault — after telling a Canadian judge wee evil sci-fi characters made him do it.

The Victoria, B.C., man said he was under the influence of the Cylons from the TV show Battlestar Galactica when he went on a rampage with the machete.

Hagedorn, 31, was out of touch with reality at the time he broke into the victim's hotel room, shouted "You'll pay for this," and savagely cut the man's head and arm.

Judge Robert Metzger found the schizophrenic innocent by reason of insanity and ordered him locked up in a mental hospital until doctors say he can be

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Thinning hair	Low protein or excess of vitamin A
Hair that is prematurely white	Deficiency of vitamin E
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Splitting nails	Deficiency of protein or calcium
Excessive soreness of the face	Androgen-triggering hormone or deficiency of vitamins B_6 or B_5
Premature graying	Deficiency of folic acid
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Peter Hansen, a 38-year-old vice president in charge of programming for the Arts & Entertainment cable network, was listed in serious condition at New York Hospital after the freak accident.

Witnesses said Hansen was standing on a New York City street corner at noon when a 30-mile-an-hour gust blew the glass tabletop off an apartment balcony 36 floors up.

"I can't believe he's still alive," said Patrick Geary, a doorman who rushed to help the injured man. "The wound was horrible. It was like the whole world was shaved."

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"I just give it a little sugar water now and then to keep it green and it's up in the lights at Christmas time."

The retired Canadian civil servant says he's determined to keep the little fir tree longer than a single week after he chopped it down to size.

As it turned out, he was called off to a job in Saudi Arabia on the day after Christmas.

When he returned six months later, the fir was still standing in its living room, needles intact.

"I don't know why but I decided to put sugar water in the stand and just kept adding it," said Fraser.

"I like to think it thought I was using a secret ingredient to keep the tree alive. I must have because I tried to start another tree and the needles all fell off.

"What's really amazing is the lights," he added.

"They're 22 years old and every single one of them still works."

— RUSSELL STROUD

BEAMING Murray Fraser tends his lost-ought tree

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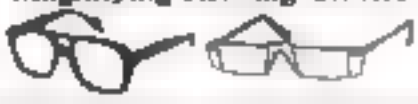

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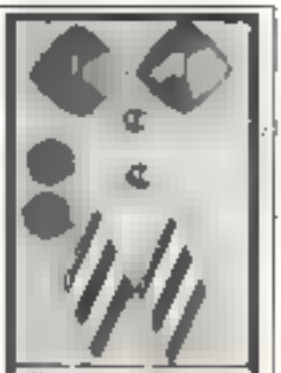

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The teller read the note out loud. Then told the startled crook, "You'll need a withdrawal slip!"

The baffled bandit turned and rushed out the door empty-handed.

What a way to operate!

Shocking new study reveals bizarre behavior of doctors

By JOE BIRCH

Diaghot doctors are guilty of some outrageously bizarre practices in America's operating rooms — and patients sometimes die as a result, a shocking new study shows.

In one case a nurse had to tie the operating room because the anesthesiologist left to have sex with a nurse in a closet, the New Jersey State Commission of Investigations said.

Another physician customarily wore a Hawaiian lei around his neck while performing surgery.

Still another doctor engaged in mental exhibitionism. A third was subject to rambling discourses and outbursts of crying, laughing and sweating. And he had illusions that his car was wired with a bomb.

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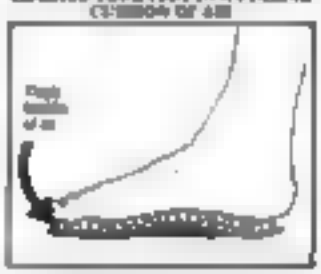

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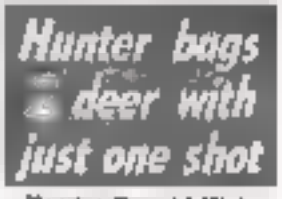

Hunter Donald Weber shot at one deer — and bagged two!

The stunned Grawn, Mich., hunter walked up to his kill and discovered he'd shot a buck and a doe with one bullet.

"I was flabbergasted," he said. "I couldn't even speak English, I was so excited.

"The doe I did not see. I did not know where it came from."

Weber shot at the proud buck, hitting it in the neck. The bullet passed through the animal and into the head of a doe that was standing nearby, killing it instantly.

Weber was permitted by state authorities to keep only one of his two deer. The other was given to the needy.

"It was my first and last shot," said Weber, 52, recalling his triumph. "You might say a bullet in one. Or in this case, a hole in two."

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'World's safest car' crashes during road test

BAD BRAKE!

Red-faced auto designers headed back to the drawing board after their "super-safe" car with a computer brain made its first trial run — and slammed into another car!

The $45,000 Rover Sterling designed to save lives by braking when it gets too close to the car in front, was created in the very type of accident it is supposed to prevent.

The British-made car, which has been called "the world's safest" by its designers, came to an unplanned halt on the back of a Ford Escort outside London in front of the engineers behind it.

The accident just days before the launch of the car, which Rover was forced to cancel.

Project manager Derek Daniels said: "It was caused by the driver of the Escort braking suddenly."

DISAPPOINTED designers survey damage done to super-safe $45,000 Rover Sterling when it slammed into another car during the first test

Shall we dance?

Model Maggie Gibbs has her eyes on a hop with her very own Rover Sterling T-shirt! The dazzling Maggie does her thing on her feet and ready to dance the Charleston. The bright lady's right at home with the latest fashion look. Tight tops, short skirts, silk stockings, suspenders and French knickers are all making a comeback. Hooray!

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By Countess Sophia Sahib

ARIES

Mar. 21-Apr. 19

Your Aries ability to think quickly and make snap decisions will save the day when a sticky problem is calling for quick action and trouble you and friends.

Associates and dear hugging you for the past weeks suddenly vanish when you realize that they were unfounded.

You've been enjoying yourself too much at the dinner table. Time to push away from your plate. Eat only one sensible portion and get some exercise.

TAURUS

Apr. 20-May 20

Star patterns show opportunities exist for short Taurus. Be open and eloquent for unusual gains will appear. Creating before commitment is always wise.

Your patience in a touchy situation prevents old friends from bowing. It's not easy to keep from telling others, but your Taurus real qualities you to remain neutral.

The weekend is a good time for a hotel trip. A long drive can be relaxing. The color yellow is especially lucky now.

WIN • WIN • WIN • WIN • WIN

Your Lucky Lottery Numbers

Readers all over the country are using Countess Sahib's Lucky Lottery Numbers to help them win big bucks. You will find the Countess' Lucky Numbers right here each week to help you become a winner, too! To find your Lucky Numbers, simply look them up under your birth sign in the chart below. For extra luck, throw in your birthdate.

Aries	Mar. 21 – Apr. 19	13, 17, 22, 28, 29, 41	Libra	Sept. 23 – Oct. 22	1, 17, 23, 31, 38, 41
Taurus	Apr. 20 – May 20	1, 23, 24, 25, 27, 33	Scorpio	Oct. 23 – Nov. 21	8, 12, 17, 24, 29, 40
Gemini	May 21 – June 20	6, 10, 16, 24, 28, 34	Sagittarius	Nov. 22 – Dec. 21	10, 15, 20, 29, 31, 36
Cancer	June 21 – July 22	11, 18, 24, 28, 38, 47	Capricorn	Dec. 22 – Jan. 19	6, 26, 30, 37, 40, 45
Leo	July 23 – Aug. 22	2, 14, 23, 29, 35, 39	Aquarius	Jan. 20 – Feb. 18	1, 13, 21, 23, 33, 41
Virgo	Aug. 23 – Sept. 22	20, 27, 29, 31, 32, 34	Pisces	Feb. 19 – Mar. 20	2, 11, 22, 30, 36, 37

GEMINI

May 21-June 20

Don't let others put a damper on your natural Gemini cheerfulness. People will try to drag you down with their doomsday attitude. Don't get bogged down in their problems.

This could be the week you'll make headway on personal and business goals. Be alert to opportunities. Get advice from people who know what they're talking about.

Take a good look at your life and see if you're being fair to yourself and others around you. You may be short-changing yourself.

CANCER

June 21-July 22

It's time to look ahead and reflect on the past year. Plan goals in your personal life and work to them. Benefit from past mistakes.

Your generosity toward friends and relatives may be hurting, rather than helping them. You may be keeping them from standing on their own two feet.

Don't be too bashful about digging into your bank account for a financial venture that could lead to big rewards down the road. Take a chance for a change.

LEO

July 23-Aug. 22

Hey, Leo, let's put the world on hold this week. So only what absolutely must be done, then sit back and let others take the initiative for a change.

Your new approach could bring a welcome change of attitude on the part of family, friends and co-workers. If emotions collide on critical situations, go for it.

A delightful romance could be in store.

The good old days are back.

Silver and black bring good luck.

VIRGO

Aug. 23-Sept. 22

Something you see or picturing this week could get your creative juices flowing and set you on the road to financial security. But just wishing won't do the trick — you've got to follow through. Don't let doubting Thomases steal your confidence.

A change of scenery could do you a world of good. There's no need to take off to Bermuda, but set aside an afternoon to get out of town and visit your local. Do pleasures with your love friends.

LIBRA

Sept. 23-Oct. 22

It may seem that you are confronted by new problems at every turn, but if you keep your sights set on long-range goals, minor obstacles will be easily overcome.

A Libra knack for tact and diplomacy could help resolve a disagreeing family dispute before it reaches the boiling point. Others will respect you for stepping in.

All signs now indicate that someone you trust may try to take the credit for your hard work. Don't be afraid to stick up for yourself.

SCORPIO

Oct. 23-Nov. 21

It will pay to be wary of an unusual opportunity that may come your way in the week ahead. If you have any doubts, check with experts before moving ahead.

Your Scorpio sense of loyalty could get in the way when friends tempt you to abandon your New Year's resolutions.

Think for yourself and try to be strong.

A feeling of complacency may soon give way to a new sense of excitement.

SAGITTARIUS

Nov. 22-Dec. 21

Your feisty outlook on life is driving your detractors up a wall. Whatever you do, don't even think of conforming to their set ways.

No matter what you may think, love has NOT passed you by. A positive attitude is what's needed to open your eyes to the opportunities that surround you.

The days ahead hold surprises galore. Tidy up loose ends in your life to be ready to jump on the bandwagon which, sure to shoulder, is headed your way.

CAPRICORN

Dec. 22-Jan. 19

Luck is with you this week and a financial windfall definitely appears to be in the picture. If so, you're well advised to share the wealth — and make somebody else as happy as you are.

Problems with an important project may seem forbidding. But they're sure to clear themselves up if you resist the urge to overreact.

Your Capricorn intuition is right on the money. Trust your instincts in an endeavor — particularly those involving family members.

If your birthday is this week . . .

This is your year to break out of your rut and live a little. The planets indicate a splendid if shaking to try new ventures, meet new people, learn new things.

Especially in the first three months or so of your year, you will want to get out and mix with as many people as possible because among them will be several who will have a lasting influence on your life.

Beware of contracts during the summer months. Don't make any major commitments if you can avoid it. Your stars say a newfound love of the outdoors will lead to new

AQUARIUS

Jan. 20-Feb. 18

A gut feeling is telling you it may be time to make a break and go for something new and better in your life. Trust your instincts!

Your tendency to be overly generous could get you behind the 8-ball. Don't allow yourself to be taken-advantage-of-by-many-deals.

Heading off to new and exciting places could open up wonderful opportunities for you. Explore intriguing options and be ready to make tomorrow the first day of the rest of

PISCES

Feb. 19-Mar. 20

You've got a big decision to make — and make quickly. Commit a trusted friend or family member. Then act — and let the chips fall where they may.

The situation at home appears to be improving. Spend as much time as possible with your parents or spouse. Let them know how much you do care.

A surge of energy makes it possible for you to accomplish almost anything you like. Get high and

ACCUSED killer David Dowler is flanked by friends in courtroom.

Murder charged in chloroform death

Poisoned pal lands businessman in jail

By JACK ALEXANDER

Debonair businessman David Dowler was jailed on a murder charge — after cops said it was more than coincidence that three of his friends died of poisoning.

A grand jury in Odessa, Tex., indicted Dowler in the death of Lena Chandler, who died of chloroform poisoning in June.

Asst Dist Atty Roger Jones also is investigating Dowler, 36, in the deaths of Juan Antonio Casillas in 1986 and Lisa Krieg in 1983.

The couple died of cyanide poisoning.

Dowler was booked into the Ector County Jail under $500,000 bond. He denies any involvement with the three deaths.

"It's really easy to jump up and point your finger at someone and a different thing to prove it in court," said his lawyer, Tom Hirsch.

Witnesses told police investigators that Dowler gave Miss Chandler chloroform to sedate her to a hypnotic state, according to a police affidavit filed in court.

Cops aren't sure why Dowler wanted Miss Chandler in a hypnotic trance, but witnesses said he would ask her various questions while she was in that state, said the affidavit.

Miss Chandler was found dead in her home the day after Dowler was to have spent the night with her, according to the affidavit.

Cops said they later found empty chloroform bottles in Dowler's Midland home.

Because of the bizarre death of Miss Chandler, the district attorney's office says it has reopened its investigation into the deaths of Casillas and Miss Krieg.

Casillas was a former partner with Dowler in a photo processing franchise in Midland. He also was Miss Chandler's ex-husband. Lisa Krieg was Miss Chandler's best friend.

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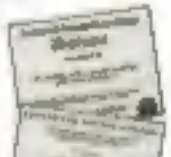

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Man threatens suicide for love of his pooch

Fraud suspect Melvin Deutsch held cops at bay for eight hours beside a busy freeway by pointing a gun at his head and threatening to kill himself if they moved in. And he did it all for his beloved pooch.

Dog-loving Deutsch, 49, told police he wouldn't surrender until he was sure Mimsie, the 3-year-old Labrador in the car with him, would not be harmed.

The bizarre incident began in a Chicago suburb when an FBI agent tried to arrest Deutsch on a fraud charge and the suspect took off.

He eventually pulled into the shoulder of a highway, put the gun to his head and began negotiating with dumbstruck police over his car telephone.

The suspect said he'd surrender if a pal was brought to the scene to take charge of Mimsie.

The friend was summoned but wasn't allowed to go near the car because police feared for his safety.

After eight hours of negotiations to sidetrack watchers, Deutsch let his pooch out of the car and gave himself up.

— LEON HARRISON

Man dies on the operating table — 'HEAVEN LIES'

By HENRY WEBER

A heart patient who died on the operating table says heaven lies beyond the edge of the universe — and he actually went there before doctors revived him!

Haye Timmens, 56, of Deventer, Holland, says the incredible journey lasted less than eight minutes but the spectacular sights and sounds have changed his life forever.

Traveling through space, time and beyond filled him with an indescribable peacefulness and serenity. By the time he entered the gates of heaven, the universe was just a speck of black on a brilliant white horizon.

"It was just like people always said it would be," the computer programmer told reporters in Deventer.

"Heaven itself looked like an enormous walled city suspended in midair.

"There were angels singing sweet songs like I've never heard on earth.

"Everything was surrounded by an aura of shimmering white light.

"I even saw my dead relatives. They were at at peace with themselves and told me everything would be all right. Every

Even top celebrities feel vexed by the hex

SCREEN SIRENS Bardot, Monroe

SHE'S A 4 NOT A 10: Stunning Bo Derek lets her phone ring four times before she answers it.

Wacky

Why does Dudley Moore touch his toes when he sees an ambulance? And why won't *Dynasty* dazzler Linda Evans even consider dating a man if his numbers aren't "right"? Because like hundreds of other show biz stars and big shots they're both deeply superstitious!

They fear that if they don't wear the right charm, carry a certain mascot or go through a particular ritual, their careers will flop.

Here are some of the stars' superstitions.

Linda Evans, like many famous names, believes our lives are ruled by numbers. Linda won't go on a date unless her own — and her escort's — numbers are a good match.

Bo Derek is certain 4 is her lucky number not "10". She even lets the phone ring four times before answering it.

Rock singer Rod Stewart won't board a plane unless it has a "safe" number. Ironically

same lucky underpants for big competitions.

Dean Martin won't go on stage without a dinner jacket [illegible] and a pocket hand

SPECIAL HAT brings "Star Trek's" Nimoy good luck.

Sex-change duck drives mate quackers

Just when Henry the duck thought he had it made with everything going his way, his mate Josephine gives him the royal shaft — she changed her sex!

Without giving Henry a word of warning, Josephine stopped laying eggs and changed her color from brown to black and gray.

What's more she . . . er, he . . . er, it now sports an emerald-green collar exactly like confused Henry's.

The switcheroo has duck-owner Win Skaff of Deerfield, England, in a bit of a dither.

Skaff is afraid Josephine . . . holter make that Joe . . . will start fighting with Henry, after sharing his bed for 10

HER HUBBY HAS ruffled feathers because Josephine the duck can no longer lay eggs.

then brings back astounding details of the afterlife . . .

BEYOND THE STARS'

person I saw was smiling and seemed content. There was no jealousy, envy or hatred."

Dr. Maurice Rawlings confirmed that Timmons suffered total cardiac arrest and was dead for almost eight minutes while a medical team struggled to revive him.

He refused to speculate on what the patient might have experienced before his heart began to beat again. But he admitted that the medical team "accomplished what was medically impossible" when they brought him back.

"I'm not a religious man myself," said Dr. Rawlings, "but there are some things that happen in my business that cannot be explained by modern science.

"Tim is big enough man to admit that there might be something out there, a God if you will, that somehow helped to save Mr. Timmons' life."

In fact, Timmons says he would have given anything to have stayed dead and in heaven.

But a bearded old man in white robes approached him while he was still there — and told him "the time is not right. You must return to the place of your birth."

"He put his hand on my shoulder and said: 'You must accept His will. Someday you will understand everything.

"'You will attain total knowledge,'" said Timmons.

When the old man spoke, Timmons realized that he was moving away from heaven.

As the black speck that he recognized as the universe grew larger and finally engulfed him, he began to feel heavier and heavier until he lost consciousness.

Two hours later he awakened — alive and in pain — in his hospital room in Devenier.

"People can call me a liar or believe me as they wish," he said.

"But I know I've been to heaven. Death doesn't scare me anymore."

Leopard eats four children

A crazed leopard has eaten at least four children near Katmandu, Nepal, in recent weeks.

Police said the victims range in age from five to 10.

ROCKER: Rod Stewart.

TV STAR: Linda Evans.

VET: Jimmy Stewart.

ENGLISH QUEEN: Liz.

THE COLOR PURPLE is bad luck for Sophia Loren.

superstitions of the rich & famous

kerchief to match. Liza Minnelli always wears a special petticoat when she's onstage. It belonged to her mother, Judy Garland.

Movie actress Glenda Jackson throws salt over her shoulder if she spills some at the dinner table. And if a guest's silverware is crossed, she asks the person to uncross the knife and fork. Still-frisky Tony Curtis only wears slip-on shoes because he reckons shoelaces are unlucky.

Leonard Nimoy, *Star Trek*'s Mr. Spock, has a lucky woolly hat which he carries everywhere. Veteran actor James Stewart has worn the same pair of shoes in his last 28 films.

Even the Royal Family are superstitious. The Queen always gives a token payment for the ceremonial scissors she receives at official openings. It is considered bad luck to accept a gift of scissors and give nothing in return.

When he played polo, Prince Philip would always tap his helmet seven times before starting a game. When Princess Diana's wedding gown was being made, whistling was banned in the workroom, no black thread was permitted — even for tacking — and each seamstress sewed a tiny lock of her hair into the gown's hem.

Screen legend Sophia Loren dreads the color purple. She says it reminds her of death and misfortune — but she thing red," she says, "even if it is underwear and out of sight. Red has brought me luck, I think, since I was born."

Superstitious Sophia also avoids black cats, spilled salt and broken mirrors. And if you're still wondering why Dudley Moore touches his toes when he sees an ambulance, he explains: "Touch your eyes, touch your toes — and never go in one of these."

— FELIX POLAR

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